



THE NEW PORRIDGE SET.

WHAT the child is to have for its christening gift is a question that arises uppermost in the minds of the infant's godfather and mother and friends generally. The godmother usually has more ideas on the subject than she can carry out, but the poor godfather if left alone to decide is very uncertain in his mind. In fact, nothing seems to present itself favorably as a present except the time honored silver mug. Now every woman knows that these drinking vessels have been relegated to a far limbo as christening gifts.

It should be remembered that baby is about to set up housekeeping when he arrives at the age of being christened and that his arrangements may be well foreseen by the presentation of a comfortable chair of the high perambulator class.

The new high chair is capable of many changes and can be converted into a table by a touch of the hand. Upon the table there are many entertaining pastimes for the baby's delectation, such as a row of colored balls upon a wire, with which the little fellow can play when he is capable of running himself.

Why not consider the perambulator as a possibility? It may well be argued that the chariot will in course of time pass out of the little one's ken, whereas the high chair, though it too will suffer from the same destiny, will at any rate be found somewhere in the house. A delinquent of the season whose high chair of babyhood has been preserved has used it for her pet "piano" when he ate dinner with the family.

The only drawback to the presentation of a pendant or a necklace is that some parents hesitate but there are several that never go out of fashion and it is safe to say that they are

The Modish Shoe

Well Cut and Graceful

WHERE are the worn down heel and crumpled bulging foot of yesterday? No longer does the woman of fashion endeavor to pose her weight in a pair of minute, unpleasingly curved heels in a pathetic endeavor to get away from the clumsy flat footed appearance which was her only alternative. The heel of the day, the heel which is made, not happy combination of comfort and beauty. The foot rests firmly and comfortably on it and yet an exquisiteness is added to its appearance by both attractive and dainty. The modish shoe is fit with such elegance and skill that the toes never collapse and in their smiling wrinkles inform the general public that the owner has no fear in that portion of the shoe. In this department also art has stepped in to assist with meaning but awkward nature, and now even those whose purses are sum may easily procure comfortable w'st it and pleasing footwears fit moderate prices.

You will have to go far before you chance on the worn down heel that once a proud pin might much too easily support the weight of a normally sized woman but a few years ago that was a sight familiar to all, for it was only the very rich who could afford to keep such excruciating heels in good condition. It is a revelation that was largely forced by the designs of Dame Fashion in a different section of the world of dress. For when voluminous folds and sweeping drifts and masses of flowing draperies developed and the foot consequently disappeared in its prominence, it became impossible that it should assume a pretentious importance. It was necessary fashion required it and therefore it became an accomplished fact.

Little Journeys In Fashionland

THE ruffe has come into its own again, and in addition to the sets of the simple bodices and coats, gowns are elaborated with various trimmings and lace.

Trimmings of original design and coloring are among the novelties in the good graces of Dame Fashion. Doublet, waist, embroidery and lace lace laces are also heavily used.

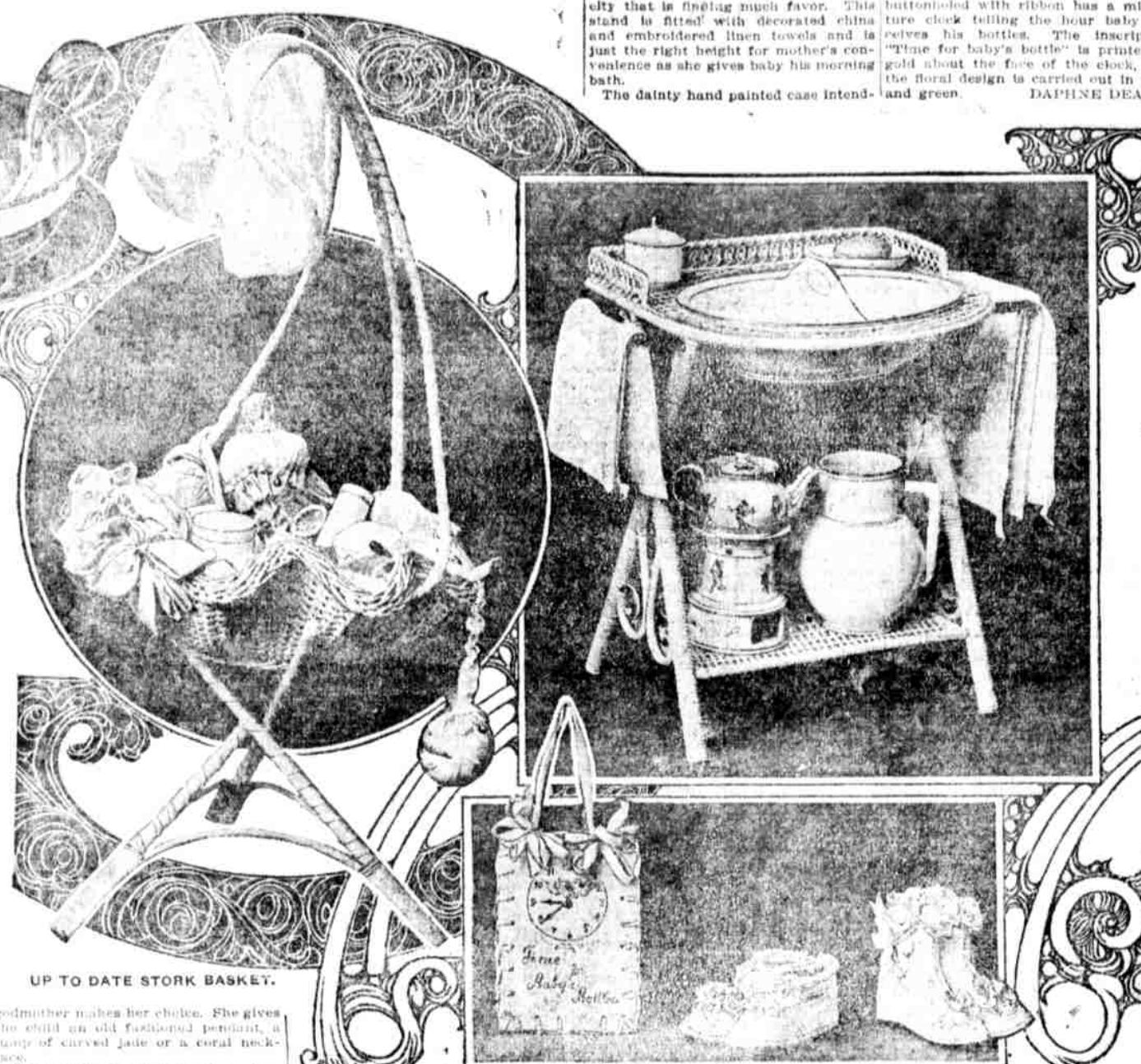
In the face of all that is said regarding the return of the full skirt, tulip sleeves, etc., the long, straight lines remain, and it is doubtful that the old fashioned generosity in garments lending will ever find favor again.

Wool poplins with satin dots and borders of brocaded satin stripes are among the new imported fabrics that are attractive this spring.

Toys on Trains

One of the English railways has provided an alleviation of the discomforts of travel which does not seem to have occurred to the companies in this country. It provides a box of toys with which a child may amuse itself during the journey.

LUXURIOUS CHRISTENING GIFTS For the Baby Aristocrat



UP TO DATE STORK BASKET.

godmother makes her choice. She gives the child an old fashioned pendant, a lamp of carved jade or a coral necklace.

Pictured are some very up to date and useful gifts. A luxurious set of porridge bowl and sugar holder, with a hand spoon that may be held tight by

little fingers, is particularly attractive for an expensive gift.

Decorations

Way to Renovate Last Year's Skirts

A WOMAN clever with her needle will be able this spring to make over her last year's dress skirts with little trouble. On some skirts the addition of a flat pad—nothing to make the hips look big—will work the marvel, or, if the skirt can be so adjusted as to bring a little fullness just below the belt in the back, a pleasant shifting, it will take on new life and be up to the minute in style. A bit of width is allowed around the feet, but this is often not come from a slouching of some kind filled in with a contrasting material or a panel of the dress fabric trimmed in some fashion with braid or stitched stripes. Even the hip whisking, which is newer than the foot effect, may be used in conjunction with the latter on extreme models. When this effect is employed a patchwork of contrasting material is inserted and the fresh is shaded at the seam over the hips, caught at about the knee line and allowed to open again at the foot of the skirt. One side or both may be treated in this way. Where the skirt seems otherwise hopeless a judicious draping may make all the difference in the world. The drapery must not make the figure look thick. It may be of the foundation pattern, or in an evening frock it may be of lace or chiffon. At any rate, it should be off the figure and make one side different from the other. It may be full over the hip or it may loop low and then be cut off short at one side to allow of full drapery, which emerges at the knee and is pulled around and up over the other side.

A Safe and Good Hair Restorative

THERE is nothing more beautiful than a woman's hair. It fulfills a mission when ugly features are beyond repair, for popularity and shrewdness are often based on the delicate fragrance of pretty hair around one's face.

It is entirely out of the question to change the color of the hair without injurious results, and nature provides the glands which bear witness to the complexion. But when the hair is dead looking or appears dirty, broken and not well arranged, it destroys the best appearance in the world.

If the hair be ever so tawdry, broken or dull, the following formula will increase its growth and impart a beautiful sheen and change its dull appearance. Take a small handful of sage with one-half a teaspoonful of salt and submerge the sage in a quart of water. Cover the plant with a cloth and let it stand over night.

The next morning strain the water off, add a few drops of oil of lavender, and strain it into a large bottle and add a small amount so you can hold it in the hand of a knife blade and pour into the mixture 5 cents' worth of bay rum and 5 cents' worth of witch hazel. Apply it to the scalp with a small dropper. If the scalp is dry use a very little vaseline on the hair. The liquid will cut the grease. This is safe, cheap and wonderfully good hair tonic.

If some people were as much afraid of flies as they are of bad water there would be less typhoid.

thin white china with silver deposited for the safekeeping of letters written to baby's mother at the time of his birth is also to be seen among the illustrations.

Two pairs of little French bootees are shown, and a little hand painted pad buttonholed with ribbon has a miniature clock telling the hour baby receives his bottles. The inscription "Time for baby's bottle" is printed in gold about the face of the clock, and the floral design is carried out in pink and green.

DAPHNE DEAN.

STRIPED PARASOLS ARE THE MODE



BELL SHAPED SUNSHADE.

THE illustration is the new bell shaped sunshade, which bids fair to eclipse all other plain colored styles of parasols this season. Many of these models are in gay colorings. In the picture the sunshade is of black and white striped silk, and the silk slips up on the handle in the new fashion.

APPLE PIE LORE

THERE are as many ways of making apple pie as there are differences in the American palates that appreciate its worth. One of the greatest errors the amateur pie maker is likely to be guilty of is sweetening her apples before they are baked. The second is to use too plain a crust. A plain crust is allowable for a berry pie or one with custard filling, but never with one of apple. An apple pie demands the flakiest, flakiest crust that it is possible to fabricate.

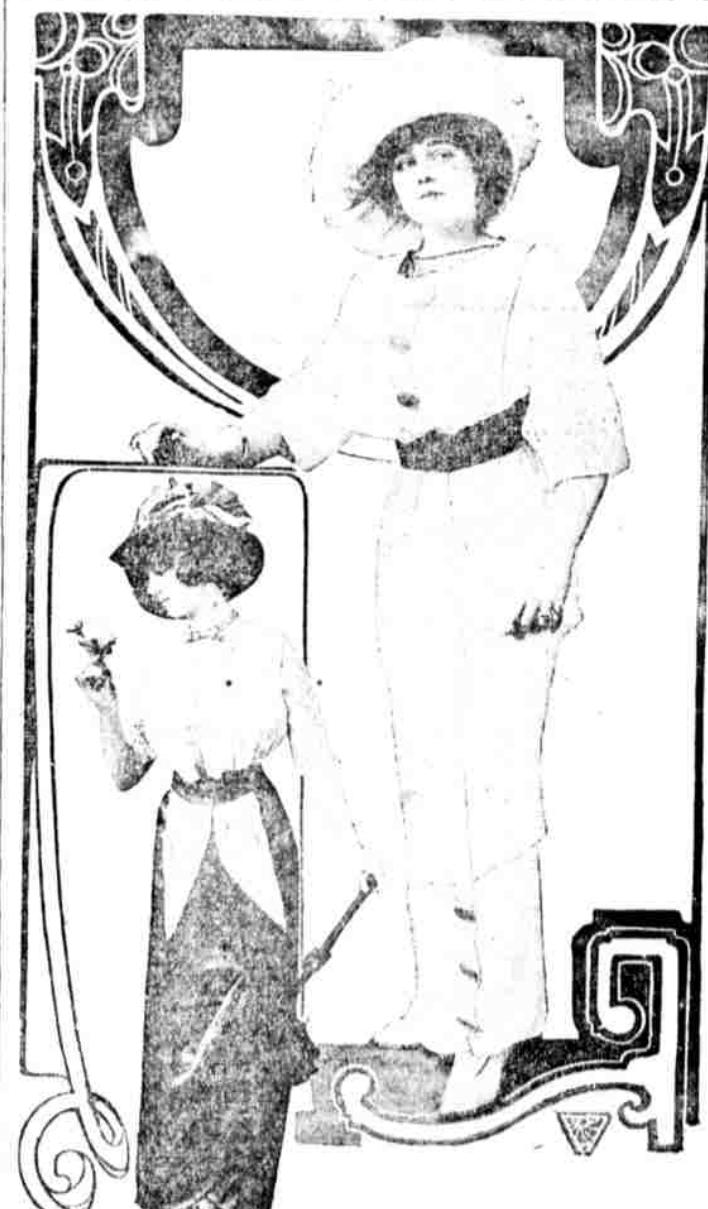
Neither is it possible to make a good pie of hard, ordinary apples, though it is attempted every day, housekeepers being too often possessed of the notion that any kind of apple can go into a pie. They seem to think if the crust is good it will atomize the filling. And this is at least one reason why one sees so many flavorless apple pies.

Select ripe, tart apples. Put the pie into a very hot oven on the lower shelf, and as it cooks on the bottom shelf lift it to the top shelf to brown. Then lift it out of the oven, remove the cover, sweeten the filling with sugar and add nutmeg or any spices desired. Mix the sugar and spices thoroughly with the apples. Add a tablespoonful of butter and mix that in also. Replace the cover and set the pie back into the oven, dredging a little powdered sugar over the top. Let it stand a moment or two in the oven, or if the oven has been suddenly cooled off let it stand a moment longer. The housewife lets her apple pie stand ten minutes in a very slow oven after they are cooked and the sugar and spices are added.

A world famous chef, who thought foreign himself, has a liberal collection of American recipes in his cookbooks, flavors his apple pies with cinnamon instead of nutmeg, using a saltspoonful of ground cinnamon to every four apples.

In some localities they add three cloves and a half a lemon rind (grated) to the apple filling and call it Irish-American pie. Tarts prepared in this way make an agreeable change from the more accepted recipe.

THEY'RE FASHIONABLE THIS SPRING



TOWELING FROCK AND NEW FICHIU.

VERY simple and very chic is this Paris frock of thin white cotton crepe with trimming bands and a square collar of the new Turkish toweling fabric. A wide neck band goes leather, with leather buttons to match, and a belt of black or moire to make this white frock exceedingly striking. The buttoned fashion is a adjunct of the belt. It is made of princess white lace and shows long ends coming from under the belt.